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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

No change to report as to the state of the market.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. c.		
100,000	100	all	8 p.ct.	Agra Bank	80
22,000	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,900 xd
10,000	500	all	9 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	745
10,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Res. Issue	2137
15,000	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,300 nl.
5,000	250	all	8 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of E. L. & China	250
40,000	281	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank.	310 m.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	175
37,000	250	125	Nil.	National Bank of India.	117
10,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	400

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

.....	£20	18 3/4	p.c	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	238
.....	£20	19 1/2	do.	Do. New £20 Shares	124
.....	£20	5 7/16	do.	Ditto	
.....	£10	1	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,125
.....	£15	15 3/4	do.	Do. New Shares	225

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	30s. 7d	Colaba Land Co.	1,500
8,000	150	all	...	Frere Land & Fore Co. Ld.	120
750	2,000	2,000	8 p.c.	Mazagon Land	825
6,000	1,000	all	Nil.	Port Canning Land Company, Limited	410

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	4,700	180 p.	Albert Mill Co.	1,550
600	1,250	all	50 p.	Alexandra Spinning &...	1,225
500	2,500	all	140*	Alliance Spinning	2,460
100	5,000	all	...	Bombay	2,525
900	1,000	all	20*	Bombay United	858
1,000	4,000	150	30*	Broach Mills	540
250	2,000	all	240 p.	Bhoomeyvy Spinning ...	2,400 xd
750	2,000	all	200	Great Eastern	1,975
2,000	1,000	all	140 p.	Manockjee Petit's	1,010
900	1,000	all	Nil.	Mowjee Spinning	1,025
800	2,500	all	225*	Oriental	2,500
600	2,500	2,400	240 p.	Royal	1,800

(* Per share for the half-year.

PRESS COMPANIES.

150*	5,000	2,850	225 p.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,275
200	2,000	1,100	75 p.	Albert Co. Kurrachee ...	1,060
250	3,000	850	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	320
150	12,000	11,000	200 p.	Apollo Press Co.	8,000
200	2,000	all	150 p.	Bombay Press Co.	2,250
200	500	all	32 p.	Do 2nd Issue	500
350	1,000	...	...	Broach Cotton Co.	1,010
100	1,500	...	...	Carwar Company	1,100
500	1,800	all	40 p.	Colaba Press Co.	1,800
350	2,000	all	200 p.	East India Press Co.	3,100
150	3,500	all	350 p.	Fort Press Co.	3,250
300	2,000	1,800	90 p.	Fraser & Cowasji Press Co.	1,600
200	1,000	all	100 p.	Fremji Edoji Press Co. ...	1,000
200	5,000	5,000	225 p.	Hydraulic Press Co.	3,200
250	5,000	1,467	75 p.	Imperial Press Co.	1,055
200	5,000	2,000	150 p.	Kurrachee Press Co.	1,150
200	400	350	60 p.	Morozsil Bros & Co.	620
150	2,500	all	250 p.	Prince of Wales Press ...	2,400
100	1,000	700	...	Scind and Punjaub Cotton Press Co., Limited ...	700
150	2,000	nil	Nil.	Temperelly Press Co	90
225	2,000	1,800	150*	Victoria Press, Madras ...	1,120

* Per share for the half-year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

.....	2,500	1,900	75 p.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,975
25,000	80	all	45 p.ct.	Bombay Gas Company* ...	55
300*	2,000	300	21 p.	Karrachee Landing and Shipping Company ...	175
1,000	50	all	2 p.	Mechanics Bid'g Co.	24
2,000	500	all	40 p.	Thacker & Co.	430
3,000	250	all	6 p.c.	Vicgas Patent Fuel Co ...	98

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Liquidation.			
.....	500	95	Jan. '66	Bank of Bombay	8
.....	250	191	...	Do. China	1
.....	250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank	1
.....	...	...	...	East India Bank	1
.....	200	15	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	1*
.....	200	70½	May '67	Royal Bank	2

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate.
London	At sight	1s. 10 13/16d.
London Banks	6 months' sight	1s. 11d. to 1s 10d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 11 3/16d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	1s. 11d. to 1s 10d.
China	At sight	100 3/16d. to 100
Do.	30 days' sight	...
Java	60 Do. do.	...
Manilla	At sight	100
Do.	30 days' sight	101
Penang	30 Do. do.	223 to 224

Exchange, each ..... Rs. 19-8 to 19-9
Bank of England Notes 10-12
Do. Post Bills 10-8
Madras Dollars 203
Fore Franc Pieces 2-31
Bar silver 107
Gold Leaf 16-12
Fine Gold 140 on English 100 touch ..... 16-13-6 to 16-4
Australian Gold ..... 100 touch ..... 16-13 6 to 16-4
Government Securities ..... 5 per cent. 6
Mercantile Bills 6 8

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	112 112 3/8
New Transfer Loan of Four & half per cent. of 1877	104 104 3/8
Four per cent.	101 to 101
Four & a half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	103
Five per cent. 5-20 Enfaine Loan, 1873-74	103
10 years' Debenture Loans	102
5 years' do. do.	105
3 years' do. do.	101
Six per cent Municipal Loan Rupee Bonds	113
Do. do. Sterling Do.	102
New French Loan 5 per cent. (1 fr. 60 c.)	90½ to 91
New French Loan (fully paid-up)	90½ to 91
Paris Municipal Loan (Debentures Rs. 110) per bond	90½

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic, week ending 22nd June 1872.

	Open 1,674 Miles.	Rs. a. p.
Coaching	87,293	0 10
Merchandize	2,34,415	10 7
Electric Telegraph	1,000	0 0
Rents Trains	0	0 0
Total Rs.	3,40,271	14 11
Corresponding week last year		
Total Rs.	3,00,850	13 6
Increase Rs.	39,422	1 5

CALCUTTA.—21ST JUNE.

The following transactions were reported:

In Government Securities, the market was very flat, no small investment orders, and the nearest quotations.

In shares:—

National Bank shares at Rs. 314.

Allahabad Bank shares at Rs. 128.

Delhi and London Bank shares sold at Rs. 85, and nominal at Rs. 85.

Great Eastern Hotel Debenture shares 14 Rs. 107, exclusive of the dividend.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—28TH JUNE.

London	Cotton	30 shillings.
	Cases	
	Seeds	
Liverpool	Cotton (Fine or Fine Qd.)	32 6d.
	Wool (Bales)	32 6d.
	Myrabolams (Cut bd.)	32 6d.
	Seeds	41 6d.
	Other	30 shillings.
Havre	Cotton	30 francs.
Portland Steamer		£2 10s. 0d. £2 12s. 6d.
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£2 10s. 0d.
China	(Steamer Cotton	Rs. 7 to 8 per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 4 per bale nominal.
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 5 0 0 per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 40 and Calcutta Port charges.
Mauritius		Nothing doing.

ARRIVALS.

June	Vessel.	Commander.	From
28	Derby	Newman	Liverpool, May 22.
28	Caithness	Grant	Bussorah, June 16.

DEPARTURES.

June	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
28	Rhea	Dryden	Liverpool.
28	Bebek	Dryden	Aden and Suez.

The following vessels of sailing ships left for destinations yesterday:—

Sleuther Bagala, Edmondstone, for Mauritius.

Baroness Burdett Wilderman, for Hongkong via Kurrachee.

HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

June			
25	Abyssinia (s)	Gray	Singapore, June 10.
	Stirling Castle	Davies	London, March 20.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

June		
24	Golconda (s)	Suez.

DAILY IMPORTS.—28TH JUNE.

FROM LONDON.

Copestake, 33 cases beer, Pochajee Framjee & Co., 150 cases silk fabrics, Mahomed Pirtie; 60 cases soaps, Abdoolally Shaik Adam.

Dundonald Castle, 30 cases soaps, Abdoolally Shaik Adam; 31 cases beer, Edulji Cursetjee.

Eastbo (s), 2 cases toys, Aldridge, Salmon & Co.; 3 cases hardware, Valji Jewanjee; 25 cases wine and 25 cases brandy, Leggatt & Co.; 3 cases hardware, A. H. Hippokrishny.

Ibis (s), 2 cases champagne, Stott and Williams.

Malabar (s), 2 cases watches, Lookmonjee Sullamonjee.

Coldstream, 10 cases marshes, Khanu Noorbhoy; 47 crates jars, Jaffer Bahimtoola; 500 casks cement, Aldridge, Salmon & Co.

FROM GENOA.

Arabia (s), 42 cases claret, H. Somanjee, Tyabjee & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—28TH JUNE.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Morning Light, 50 bags cotton, Luckhee Tapall.

Xanthe (s), 12 bales cotton, Nuncoo Subharam; 708 bags wheat, W. Nicol and Co.; 40 bales wool, Cowasjee Khatcee; 370 bags linseed and 125 bags rapeseed, Dr. Tyebjee and Co.; 40 bales wool, Jatha Tricoom; 20 bales wool, Purseram Kessowjee; 135 bales cotton, Chimonlaul Nemcy; 8 bales wool, Khetcee Ramjee.

Atalanta (s), 3,620 bundles cotton yarn, Ghoodhumdass Mooljee.

FOR LONDON.

Columbian (s), 51 bales cotton, 30 cases cardamoms, and 42 bales hides and skins, B. I. S. N. Co.; 70 bundles hides, H. G. Hoosainy and Co.; 1 case tea, D. P. Pathe and Co.; 1 case deerhorns and 100 cases mother of pearl shells, Mazjed Futtah; 417 pieces P. teeth, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 6 cases cardamoms, Gopaljee Runchord; 10 cases peacock feathers and 2 cases mats, Rehemoobhoy Mahomed.

FOR HAVRE

Columbian (s), 170 bales cotton and 25 bales hides, S. Tyebjee and Co.

FOR MASSEILLES.

Columbian (s), 60 bags coffee, B. I. S. N. Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Geelong (s), 17 cases fishmaws, Allana Munjee; 1 box silver coins, value of Rs. 1,940, Hajee Essac Ellias; 339 pieces E. teeth, Nursee Kessowjee & Co.; 12 chests M. opium, Futtabhoy Ameebhoy; 95 chests M. opium, E. D. Sassoon; 8 chests M. opium, R. Dhanjeeshaw & Co.; 8 chests M. opium, Currimbhoy Ebrum; 8 chests M. opium, Tarachund Gunnesdass; 24 chests M. opium, D. C. Tata; 16 chests M. opium, Currimbhoy Ebrum; 20 chests M. opium, S. and D. B. Futtakia.

Indus (s), 60 bundles shankpus and fishmaws, Currimbhoy Ebrum; 94 bags cutch, Nuncoo Kessowjee and Co.; 17 bundles Samuda stone, Bapoo Raghoonath; 50 bales twist, Dhulloo Framjee and Co.; 81 chests M. opium, Goculdoss Hoogulall; 14 chests M. opium, Khetcee Ramjee; 24 chests M. opium, N. Thoorandoss Varsi; 7 chests M. opium, Merwanjee Manockjee and Co.; 38 chests M. opium, E. D. Sassoon; 44 chests M. opium, David Sassoon and Co.; 7 chests M. opium, E. S. Sassoon; 5 chests M. opium, Ramdass Khimjee & Co.; 29 chests M. opium, E. D. Sassoon.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Geelong (s), 17 chests M. opium, R. Dhunjeeshaw & Co.; 11 chests M. opium, Goculjee Shamsunny; 4 chests M. opium, Dudhoo Runsook; 79 chests M. opium, S. Rhoyed; 17 chests M. opium, S. E. Sassoon.

Indus (s), 11½ chests M. opium, Tarachund & Sturom.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

The following sales are reported to have been effected by European firms yesterday:—

COTTON.

100	candies	New Dhollera, ready	Rs. 284
75	,,	Nerind	,, 245
100	37 ,,	Dholleras	,, 225
50	,,	,, ...	,, 248
25	,,	,, ...	,, 246
75	,,	,, ...	,, 249
50	,,	,, ...	,, 248
50	,,	,, ...	,, 250

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH

OFFICE—28TH JUNE, 8 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Russia, 27th June, 12-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 20 hours 20 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 28th June, 12-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 day 10 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 27th June, 12-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 21 hours 10 minutes.

Via Turkey, 27th June, 2-54 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 22 hours 42 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 27th June, 10-30 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 6 hours 12 minutes.

Latest dates from America.

Via Russia, 27th June, 14 ... Greenwich time. Time in transit, 32 hours 47 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 27th June, 10 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 8 hours 46 minutes.

Latest dates from China.

Via Singapore, 27th June, 5-25 P.M. Time in transit, 2 hours 40 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 27th to 8 P.M. of the 28th June is as follows:—

To Bombay.	Max.	Min.
From Calcutta	4 30	0 2
,, Kurrachee	1 52	0 22
,, Madras	1 37	0 13

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

KURRACHEE, 28th June, 8 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom via Russia, 27th June, 12-30 P.M. Latest dates from Continent of Europe, via Russia, 27-40 P.M.; via Turkey, 27th June, 2-54 P.M. Cable repaired to Fao; Turkish line right to Fao; Persian line right to London.

WEATHER REPORTS.

CASSIMBOOR, 28th June, 9 A.M.—Weather rainy, wind south-west, thermometer 75, barometer 30·60, rainfall 1 inch 20 cents.

CANNANORE, 28th June, 12-15 A.M.—Weather cloudy and overcast, wind west-south-west, thermometer 78·8, barometer 29·95, rainfall 2 inches 51 cents.

VIZAGAPATAM, 28th June, 10-30 A.M.—Weather overcast, wind south-west, thermometer 76, rainfall 3 inches 14 cents.

TUTICORIN, 28th June, 11 A.M.—Weather fine, wind strong westerly, thermometer 96, barometer 29·86.

MILITARY.

ARRIVAL—JUNE 28.

Colonel, 2 servants, Surgeon, Medical staff, on leave, from Kurrachee.

DEPARTURES—JUNE 28.

Fort Captain, 24th (Bengal) Regiment, on furlough, to England.

Ashburner, Lieutenant-Colonel, Staff Corps, on furlough, to England.

Inglis, Major, Staff Corps, on retirement, to Lucknow.

Cookson, Lieutenant, 76th (Madras) Regiment, on sick leave, to Europe.

MADRAS GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Fort St. George Gazette, June 25.

The undermentioned officers have obtained leave of absence from their stations:—

Major R. H. Beddome, Conservator of Forests, privilege leave for three months, from or after the 22nd inst.

Mr. G. K. Chamberlain, Asst. Head Assistant to the Collr. and Mag. of South Arcot, privilege leave for three months, from or after the 14th July next.

The Rt. Hon. the Govr. in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr. D. F. Carmichael, Asst. 2nd Member, Board of Revenue, to be in charge of the Inam Department.

Mr. James Weir, Sub-Asst. to the Collr. and Mag. of Nellore, but to continue to act as Head Assistant in that district during the employment of Mr. Hunt Hudson on other duty, or until further orders.

Mr. Charles Keogh, to act as Head Asst. to the Collr. and Mag. of South Arcot, during the absence of Mr. G. K. Chamberlain on leave, or until further orders.

Mr. Charles George Pittman to be Civil and Session Judge of Chittoor, to take effect from the 12th July next, the date of Mr. C. A. Roberts's retirement from the service.

Asst. Surgn. James Byers Thomas, L. R. C. P. L., Offg. Civil Surgn. and Sepd. of Jails Tinnevelly, to officiate Residency Surgn., Travancore, during the employment of Surgn. Fry on other duty, or until further orders.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Col. J. L. Barrow, C.B., Inspector-Genl. of Ordnance and Magazines, is granted privilege leave of absence for 60 days, from the 25th inst., or date of departure. Col. A. Stewart, Dy. Supr. Genl. of Ordnance and Magazines, will conduct the duties of the office during Col. Barrow's absence.

The following promotions are made, subject to H. M.'s approval:—

Cadre 3rd Madras European Regt.

Lt. John Trueland Tennant (Capt. in Irish Foot) to have the position of Capt. vice Creery, deceased; dated 12th June 1872.

Cadre 30th Regt. N. I.

Lt. Henry March Septimus Magrath, Capt. in Staff Corps, to have the position of Capt., vice Stewart deceased; dated 16th June 1872.

The undermentioned officers are permitted to proceed to Europe:—

Major W. H. B. Godfrey, of the S. C., Wing Officer 35th Regt. N. I., on furlough on private affairs for two years.

The furlough to Europe granted in G. O. G. No. 149, dated 11th June 1872, to Lt.-Col. J. H. Warden, of the Staff Corps, Wing Officer 27th Regt. N. I., is cancelled.

Capt. F. G. Rideout, Cadre 42nd Regt. N. I., on furlough on medical certificate for one year, under the Regulations of 1868, and to embark from Singapore.

With reference to the notification issued by the Home Dept., No. 29, dated 10th June 1872, the services of Capt. Orfeur Bradshaw, of the Mad. S. C., late Instr., Supt. of Police, Central Provinces, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt. of Fort St. George.

POSTAL NOTICES.

DEPARTURE OF OCEAN MAILS.

	Date.	Mail Closes.	After-packet.
United Kingdom	June 28	3-30 P.M.	4-30 P.M.
Kurrachee	July 10	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
Persian Gulf via Kurrachee ...	5	11 A.M.	12 A.M.
China	1	3 P.M.	No after-packet.
Australia	June 29	3 P.M.	Do. do.
Mauritius, Reunion, &c.	July 5	3-30 P.M.	4-30 P.M.

OVERLAND MAIL.

The Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. & S. N. Company leave Bombay every Friday at 5 P.M.

Letters can be received at the General Post Office up to 3-30 P.M.

Newspapers, books, and Patterns, up to 1-30 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 1 P.M.

Late letters, if fully prepaid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of late letter fee (4 annas each), will be received at the Pier Post Office from 3-30 to 4-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting Overland covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 1 P.M.

The subjoined Table shows the dates of departure of Overland Mail Steamers from Bombay during the year 1872. The hour of the steamer's departure is 5 P.M.:—

Friday	June 28	Monday	Oct.	7
,, ...	July 5	,, ...	,,	14
,, ...	,, 12	,, ...	,,	21
,, ...	,, 19	,, ...	,,	28
,, ...	,, 26	,, ...	Nov.	4
,, ...	Aug. 2	,, ...	,,	11
,, ...	,, 9	,, ...	,,	18
,, ...	,, 16	,, ...	,,	25
,, ...	,, 23	,, ...	Dec.	2
,, ...	,, 30	,, ...	,,	9
,, ...	Sept. 6	,, ...	,,	16
,, ...	,, 13	,, ...	,,	23
,, ...	,, 20	,, ...	,,	30
,, ...	Sept. 27			

POSTAGE BY THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Postage rates chargeable on Correspondence forwarded "via Brindisi," for the United Kingdom, if places served through the United Kingdom, are as follows:—

For the United Kingdom.

Each Letter per ½ ounce—annas 8.

Each Newspaper per 4 ounces—annas 2.

Each Book or Pattern Packet not exceeding one ounce—4 annas and 4 pice; not exceeding 2 ounces—annas 9, 8 pice; not exceeding 4 ounces—annas 14, 8 pice; every additional 4 ounces—annas 4 8 pice.

The full prepayment of Correspondence forwarded via Brindisi is optional, and all covers not fully prepaid will, unless specially marked by the senders for transmission by any other route and conformin to its conditions, be forwarded via Southampton.

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Per Copy	,,	0	4

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR INSERTING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BIRTHS.

CASEY—June 23rd, at Allahabad, the wife of J. P. Casey, C.S., of a daughter.

HARVEY—June 25th, at Mhow Station, the wife of H. A. Harvey, Esq., Gov't. Superintendent Telegraph Department, of a daughter.

HOWARD—June 25th, at Mussoorie, the wife of Capt. T. F. Howard, of a son.

LLOYD—June 22nd, at Calcutta, the wife of Edward H. Lloyd, Esq., of a son.

PALMER—June 21st, at Cubbonville, Bangalore, the wife of E. Palmer, Esq., Bank of Madras, of a son.

BRAINE—June 20th, at Chatham House, Allahabad, John James, the infant son of Captain Oliver W. Braine, 50th Regiment, Garrison Surgeon.

CAWSTON—June 24th, William Cawston, Commander of the Ship Scrampore, of Liverpool.

PAUL—June 8th, at Roy Bareilly, Mr. Peter Paul, at Rampore, in Cawnpore, aged about 70 years.

REID—June 22nd, at Saugor, Rina J. R., the infant son of J. H. Reid, Esq., C.E.

WHITING—At Deesa, in the Rajpoot District, Captain Whiting, Provinces of general purposes, Mr. Robert Whiting, Executive Engineer, Eastern Division, aged 59 years.

The Bombay Gazette.

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CONSIDERING the useful and beneficial influences exercised by first class comic journals upon matters political and social in countries wherein they are published, it must be considered a reproach to India that she has no *Punch*, *Kladderdasche*, or *Charivari*, to observe and to ridicule the extravagances of public men and the follies of society; for ridicule is a keen and effective weapon in the hands of those who can use it, and often carries the day where gravity is held of no account. The London *Punch* may be considered a British institution of no slight importance in the administration of the country; indeed, there are numbers of people who, we should say, take their views of politics rather from *Punch* than the *Times*; and there can be no doubt whatever that it exercises a very wholesome influence upon British morals and British follies that can be in any way checked through dread of public ridicule and satire. The *Charivari* told the ex-Emperor Napoleon very many unwelcome truths with impunity, for which a serious journal would have been most certainly suppressed, and at the present moment, in Germany, the *Kladderdasche* is the only print that can boldly speak its mind to Bismarck and his Imperial master without fear of ugly consequences ensuing from such freedom of utterance. The comic papers have the license of a child in a modern guise; and, within their limited sphere of action, are exceedingly useful as satirists. Kings and courts is a fact frequently recorded in history, though in truth the jester of the olden times can bear no further comparison with the comic paper of the day than Mr. Pepys, as a news-chronicler, can bear with the Editor of the *Times*. The jester now addresses thousands where formerly his audience was restricted to a few, and his influence has extended itself with his circulation to that extent, that, when *Punch* of London makes a good joke, there are few civilised places in the universe where it is not rapidly repeated and understood.

And jokes appropriate to the follies of the hour are sometimes very telling. The political caricatures in *Punch* often afford us a far better idea of a political situation than a long and exhaustive leading article in the *Times* can effect, while, as a concise and amusing history of the past thirty years, its politics, fashions, and follies, we should be puzzled to find any superior to the volumes of our comic contemporary, rich as they are in the explanations of the very best artists with pen and pencil that London can produce. Were we so fortunate in India as to have possessed a local *Punch* for the same period, how interesting it would be to turn over the pages of the comic chronicle, and mark the changes that have passed over the land since Lord Ellenborough dragged the famous Somnauth gates about with him as the adjunct of a sort of Roman triumph; since Lord Gough made his notorious mistake at Chillianwalla; since Lord Dalhousie used bad language to Sir Charles Napier, who, popular report says, returned it.

But we have no *Punch*, no comic journal, the *Economist* perhaps excepted, that can place grave matters in a ridiculous light, although in truth we have from time to time tried several, commencing with the *Delhi Sketchbook*, and terminating with our own *Punch in India*. They have all, alas! proved failures, though *Punch in India* might have survived, if it had not fallen on evil times in Bombay, when no one could afford to laugh. At one time the *Delhi Sketchbook* was a popular production, and could hit hard upon occasion, but the illustrations were exaggerated and badly engraved, probably because the artists, as amateurs, were unable to draw upon the wood, a common weakness of their class. The publication of comic Miscellanies for amusement upon the prodigious nasal organs of the parties caricatured. Gilray was burlesqued in the *Sketchbook*, and subscribers could be hardly expected to submit tamely to such pranks played upon their pockets. The *Sketchbook* went the way of all comic journals in India; but not, as we have heard it said, because people in India cannot understand, or at least appreciate, a joke; but because the fare provided was so indifferent that few cared to purchase it. The same may be said of subsequent comic papers, and yet what a wide field for satire and caricature India affords to artists with the talents to make much of it! Nowhere are public men so open to ridicule as in this country. The blunders and economies of the dual system of government would furnish one of *Punch*'s artists with comic material for a lifetime; nay, the very income tax itself would be worth a fortune to a moderately-good jester. And Anglo-India, what a theme this for men capable of adequately representing it with pen and pencil! The insolence of office; the snobbishness of wealth; the results of the military amalgamation; the tittle tattle of society; the struggles for precedence; the quarrels of the pugnacious; these, and kindred pieces which it would exhaust a column to recount, are all lively themes for the caricaturist to exercise his art upon; and, if more was yet wanting, the natives could supply the deficiency *ad libitum*, the Bengalee Baboo himself being probably equal to the employment of half a dozen artists from morning to night all the year round. No, there is certainly no lack of material for *Punch* in India; lack of capital to set him afloat is his want, we suspect, and this will never probably be forthcoming until such time as some of the progressive, enlightened, and wealthy natives of India embark in such an enterprise which, we dare say, would serve their countrymen infinitely better than other speculations in the literary line they affect at present with but little profit as the results. They are ready enough, some of them, to subsidize the Native Press under the fallacious [illegible] it must exercise a certain influence [illegible] Government; if influence for good [illegible] ject, we should say that an English [illegible] would be more likely to suit their [illegible] not one of the calibre to which we [illegible] been accustomed. A comic paper [illegible] class or nothing, and a paper [illegible] hinted at would require a heavy [illegible] commencement of its career to ensure [illegible] circulation in the future. We [illegible] idea to the attention of Mr. Knight [illegible] natural humour is wasted in serious [illegible] and we say to him, what we have [illegible] Young India, that, if the Government of [illegible] to be checked in its career of "[illegible] blundering with any prospect of [illegible] event is more likely to be consummated [illegible] dread of ridicule a comic publication can effect, than by all the belchings of the Native Press, than by even the startling figures and statistics of an *Indian Economist*.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

THE *Indian Statesman* congratulates us on the great popularity of the course of action we have taken in opposing the Carwar Railway, and says it is quite true that nobody in Bombay but Messrs. W. Nicol & Co. is anxious to have the line made. But we do not agree with our contemporary in thinking that the line ought to be condemned on that account. We only drew attention to the interest [illegible] shareholders of the Carwar Company [illegible] in turn railway, to account for the [illegible] persistency of Sir Seymour Fitzgerald's Government in forcing the [illegible] tioned. If the line were [illegible] absolutely in itself and relatively [illegible] projected lines, it could [illegible] stopped merely because [illegible] the pockets of [illegible] Our strong objection [illegible] that we think enough has been [illegible] interest in constructing a railway from the ocean trade of Indian ports [illegible] the export trade in cotton, and that [illegible] now wanted is a railway [illegible] to accommodate and encourage the import trade of the country. The railway for which there is the most urgent need, for political and military as well as commercial reasons, is that from Deesa to the North-West. It is a literal fact that grain was brought from Cawnpore round by Bombay to Surat last year, because there was no nearer road from the North-West Provinces to Guzerat. So, if a merchant wants to send grain from the Nerbudda Valley to the Southern Deccan, it must be carried down the Ghauts to Bombay and then up the Ghauts again to Sholapore. The delay and expense of this double journey might be saved if there were a cross line above the Ghauts through Ahmednuggur, connecting the North-East and South-East lines of the G. I. P. These lines would at the same time open up intermediate districts which still lack the advantages of railway communication. As to what should be done in the Southern Mahratta Country, we believe that even for the cotton interest a line southwards from the G. I. P. would be preferable to the projected line to the coast; for most of the cotton must always come to Bombay, and Carwar will never have independent lines of steamers to England any more than Kurrachee has. The *Indian Statesman* is in favour of the line from Sholapore to Dharwar, which, according to Colonel Trevor's estimate, would cost about as much as the Carwar Railway. Colonel Trevor said of this line:—"In return for the capital expenditure, the Sholapore line would open out "a large area and would confer the benefits of "railway communication on a larger number of "British subjects than the Carwar alternative. "The indirect return in revenue from the opening "out of the Kulladghee Collectorate, containing "a population of more than 1100 to the square "mile, as well as of the Southern and Eastern "portion of the Dharwar Collectorate, would also "be greater than from the other line, by which "only the Dharwar Collectorate would be benefit-"ed." Our own opinion is for a more westerly line which would open out the thriving Collectorates of Satara and Belgaum and the native State of Kolhapoor, as well as Dharwar. But the information on which a fair judgment of the relative merits of these lines might be formed has yet to be placed before the public. Sir Bartle Frere's memorandum, which would be extremely valuable on account of the writer's intimate knowledge of Satara and the Southern Mahratta Country, is kept locked up in a secret drawer in the P. W. Secretariat; and, on turning to the latest administration report of this Presidency to look for some statistics to guide us, we find this entry, which beats the old story about the snakes in Iceland:—1. STATISTICS OF PHYSICAL, POLITICAL, AND FISCAL GEOGRAPHY. *None are available.*"

THE face of the late Rajah of Kolhapoor is now familiar to many beyond the limits of his State. Readers of English illustrated periodicals know well what manner of man he was, while the diary he kept when in Europe records, with almost boyish simplicity, the attentions he received from the numbers who were glad to welcome him, and abundantly displays his amiable and kindly dispos